IN THE HIGH COURT OF GUJARAT AT AHMEDABAD

CRIMINAL MISC.APPLICATION No 3538 of 2001

For Approval and Signature:

Hon'ble MR.JUSTICE H.K.RATHOD

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1. Whether Reporters of Local Papers may be allowed to see the judgements? : YES

2. To be referred to the Reporter or not? : YES

3. Whether Their Lordships wish to see the fair copy of the judgement? : YES

4. Whether this case involves a substantial question of law as to the interpretation of the Constitution of India, 1950 of any Order made thereunder? : NO

5. Whether it is to be circulated to the Civil Judge? : NO

RASHMINBHAI MAFATBHAI PATEL

Versus

STATE OF GUJARAT

Appearance:

M/S THAKKAR ASSOC. for Petitioner

Mr. A.D. Oza, PUBLIC PROSECUTOR for Respondent No. 1

CORAM : MR.JUSTICE H.K.RATHOD

Date of decision: 21/05/2001

ORAL JUDGEMENT

Heard Mr.K.B.Anandjiwala, learned counsel for M/s. Thakkar Associates for the petitioner and

Mr.A.D.Oza, learned Public Prosecutor on behalf of the respondent State.

"The relief has to be granted by the Court according to sound legal principles and ex debito justitiae. The Court has to administer justice between the parties and cannot convert itself into an instrument of injustice or an engine of oppression. While exercising the powers, the Court must keep in mind the well settled principles of justice and fair play and should exercise the discretion only if the ends of justice require it, for justice is not an object which can be administered in vacuum."

[Extract : Vaish Degree College Vs. Laxminarayan reported in AIR 1976 SC page 888]

"Law cannot be interpreted and enforced divorced from their effect on human beings for whom the laws are meant. Undoubtedly, rule of law must prevail but as is often said, rule of law must run akin to rule of life. And life of law is not logic but experience ..' While administering law it is to be tempered with equity and if the equitable situation demands after setting right the legal formulations not to take it to the logical end, this Court would be failing in its duty if it does not notice equitable considerations and mould the final order in exercise of its extraordinary jurisdiction."

[Extract : Municipal Board, Pratapgadh Vs. M.S.Chawla reported in AIR 1982 SC page 1493]

"Article 226 grants an extraordinary remedy which is essentially discretionary although founded on legal inquiry. It is perfectly open for the Court, exercising this flexible power, to pass such order as public interest dictates and equity projects;

`Courts of equity may, and frequently do, go much further both to give and withhold relief in furtherance of the public interest than they are accustomed to go where only private interests are involved. Accordingly, the granting or withholding of relief may properly be dependant upon considerations as of public interest."

[Extract : Shivshankar Dal Mill Vs. State of Hyryana reported in AIR 1980 SC

Rule. Mr.A.D.Oza, learned Public Prosecutor waives service of Rule on behalf of the respondent State.

#. The brief facts of the present petition are as under :-

The petitioner is the original accused in connection with the FIR registered as CR No. - 60 of 2001 with Satelite Police Station for the offences punishable under section 3(2)(c)(d), 7(1)(i)(ii) (2) of the Gujarat Owners Flat Act, 1973, inter alia alleging that the petitioner, alongwith the others, has committed the offence as alleged in the said FIR. According to the petitioner, the father of the petitioner is holding Flat No. B/11 in this Scheme. The mother of the petitioner is also holding flat in the said scheme. The maternal uncle of the petitioner is also holding the flat in this scheme. The counsin brother of the petitioner Rajeshbhai P. Patel is also holding the flat in the said scheme. Similarly, brother in law of the petitioner Arvindbhai S. Patel is holding the flat in the said scheme. According to the petitioner, in all, six members are the family members of the petitioner in the said scheme. According to the petitioner, two members are the near and dear of the petitioner and four flats in the scheme are vacant and no person is living there and only two members are the out siders are holding the flat in the said scheme. According to the petitioner, the petitioner is not the Chairman of the society and has also not issued any share certificate to any members of the scheme. The petitioner is a member in the society holding Flat No. B/32 in Sarva Darshan Flats. That there are in all 12 members in the entire scheme. Amongst these 12 members, six members are the family members and two are the friends of the petitioner. The petitioner is engaged in the business of production of chemicals and is having factory in the name of M/s. RPG Chemicals having its office at Samarth Buiulding, Vijay Cross Roads and is having the factory at GIDC Estate, Ankleshwar. The petitioner's company is producing inter mediates dies and selling it in the market.The petitioner is also having agricultural lands and other immovable properties. According to the petitioner, he is not at all connected with the construction activities. That there was formation of Natvar Shyam Coop.Housing Society Ltd. and one Bal Kishan M. Chavda is the Chairman of the society and one Mansukhbhai Chunibhai Shah is the Secretary of the said society. The petitioner is neither the Chairman nor Builder of the society and has not participated in any

manner in the development of the society. The petitioner has entered as a member of the said society in the year 1997 and according to the petitioner, members of the said society have never raised any complaint against the petitioner but the FIR has been filed by the PI, Satelite Police Station, Ahmedabad. In the petition, the petitioner has made clear averments that the petitioner is ready and willing to complete the construction work of the flats and the members who are willing to continue in the said scheme will be allotted the flats as per the original booking price and no extra amount will be charged and they will be put in possession within 24 months. The petitioner has further pointed out in the petition that the petitioner at his own motion, the petitioner is ready and willing to pay sum of Rs.75,000.00 to the heirs and legal representatives of the deceased Gautam Kaushik Trivedi and Ashitben K.Trivedi. According to the petitioner, he is ready and willing to reconstruct the flats within 24 months or to refund the amount as per the choice of the members. The petitioner is ready to invite this obligation without prejudice to his right to defend himself on all available grounds. The petitioner has relied upon two orders passed by this court in criminal misc. application no. 1677 of 2001 and 1678 of 2001. The petitioner is also prepared to file draft undertaking before this court in respect of the reconstruction of the flats without taking any extra amount within 24 months and is also prepared to pay Rs.75,000.00 to the heirs and legal representatives of the deceased. In this matter, notice was issued by this court on 10.5.2001 and it was made returnable on 18.5.2001. The respondent State has not filed any reply to the present petition.

In the present petitioner has undertaken to reconstruct and restore all the damaged flats by filing undertaking to construct by himself at his entire cost. Draft of such undertaking has been submitted which reads as under:

"I, Rashminbhai Mafatbhai Patel, the petitioner accused do file this undertaking as follows :

1. That the collapsed building Sarva Darshan Apartment was constructed during my Chairmanship of Natvarshyam Coop.Housing society Ltd. under whose aegis Sarva Darshan Apartment was built. The same was built under my supervision and guidance. That as regards the damages building, I undertake to reconstruct and restore all the

flat owners by reconstructing the flats at my own costs. I will not compel in any way to make such construction by resorting the litigation or in any other manner. I further undertake to complete the construction by the end of June, 2003 and put the respective owners in actual possession of their respective flats. If I fail in any way to deliver the possession of the reconstructed flat to the respective owner or owners by the end of June, 2003, I will pay compensation at the rate of Rs.5,000.00 p.m. to each of such flat owners as rent towards the flat. However, if any flat owner chooses not to have the reconstructed flat, I will pay such flat owner the price thereof paid by him.

2. I further undertake to pay Rs.75,000.00 to the legal heirs of the deceased Shri Gautambhai Kaushikbhai Trivedi and Ashitben Kaushikbhai Trivedi within two weeks of the date of my being released from jail. "

2. Learned advocate Mr. Anandjiwala has prepared the draft undertaking and copy thereof has been given to the learned PP Shri Oza. However, Mr. Oza, learned PP has verified the statements made by the present petitioner in the draft undertaking.

In the present petition, this Court has issued notice on 10.5.2001 by making it returnable on 18th May, 2001 and thereafter the matter has been adjourned by this Court and was taken up for hearing today. The respondent State has not filed any reply to the present petition.

In the present petition, though no reply has been filed by the State, the learned Public Prosecutor Mr.A.D.Oza has vehemently opposed the present bail application filed by the present petitioner on the ground that during the course of investigation, it has also been found that the construction itself is illegal and and the same has been carried out without taking permission from the competent authority. Learned PP Mr. Oza has submitted that the petitioner was knowing the above illegal construction which was the main reason for collapse of the building in question. It is further contended that there are other multi storeyed buildings standing nearby have not collapsed and are standing and it clearly shows that the building which has been utilized in the construction was substandard and poor

quality material. Mr.Oza, learned PP has further submitted that FSL team consisting of Officer from FSL as well as NCB expert from Hyderabad visited the site on 21-2-2001 and have collected the samples of columns, beams, rods and steel and the same samples have been sent to the laboratory of National Council for Cement and Building Material, New Delhi. It is further submitted that the report from the said Laboratory is still awaited and the samples of soils was also sent for testing at Hyderabad and its report is still awaited. Mr.A.D.Oza, learned PP has also submitted that from the laboratory report from FSL against the present petitioner has been received, wherein the fact is established that there was poor construction which resulted into collapse of building. Mr.Oza, learned PP has also objected the undertaking which has been suggested by the petitioner and he also submitted that this petition has been filed by the petitioner is prior to filing of the chargesheet and therefore now the chargesheet is submitted against the present petitioner and therefore the petition is not maintainable. Mr.Oza, learned PP has also submitted that considering the charges levelled under provisions of Section 304 of IPC, which itself indicate the offence is very serious in nature and the same requires consideration and therefore the present application deserves to be rejected accordingly. Mr.A.D.Oza, learned PP has also submitted that looking to the peculiar facts and circumstances of this case, the petitioner has come forward to file undertaking and this Court is considering the undertaking of the present petitioner. Therefore, Mr.Oza, learned PP has submitted that only on this ground, no reasoned order may be passed otherwise it will come into way of the respondent - State Government while opposing bail application filed by other similarly situated builders.

I have considered the averments made in the present application and also considering the statement of Mr.K.B.Anandjiwala, learned advocate for the petitioner in respect of the draft undertaking so also considering the submissions made by both the learned advocates for the respective parties without deciding the merits of the matter and considering the request of both the learned advocates for the parties who requested not to pass reasoned order and therefore considering the matter and before passing the final order, according to my opinion, some observations made by the Apex Court as well as Division Bench of this Court while dealing with such application which are pertinent to quote in relevance of the facts and circumstances of this case which are reproduced as under :-

Recently, the Apex Court in case of GAYA PRASAD V. PRADEEP SRIVASTAVA reported in (2001) 2 SCC page 604, para-19 observed as under :-

"The time is running out for doing something to solve the problem which has already grown into monstrous form. If a citizen is told that once you resort to legal procedure for realisation of your urgent need you have to wait and wait for 23 to 30 years, what else is it if not to inevitably encourage and force him to resort to extra-legal measures for realising the required reliefs. A Republic, governed by rule of law, cannot afford to compel its citizens to resort to such extra-legal means which are very often contra-legal means with counterproductive results on the maintenance of law and order in the Country."

There is recent observation of the Apex Court in case of MAKAHN LAL BANGAL V. MANAS BHUNIA, reported in (2001) 2, SCC 652, para-26,

"An alert Judge actively participating in court proceedings with a firm grip on oars enables the trial smoothly negotiating on shorter routes avoiding prolixity and expeditiously attaining the destination of a just decision. The interest of the counsel for the parties in conducting the trial in such a way so as to gain success for their respective clients is understandable but the obligation of the Presiding Judge to hold the proceedings so as to achieve the dual objective search for truth and delivering justice expeditiously - cannot be subdued. However, sensitive the subject matter of trial may be; the courtroom is no place of play for passions, emotions and surcharged enthusiasm."

Recent observation of the Apex Court in case of GOVERNMENT OF A.P. V. A.P. JAISWAL reported in (2001), 1 SCC 748, para-24 which runs as under :

"Consistency is the cornerstone of the administration of justice. It is consistency which creates confidence in the system and this consistency can never be achieved without respect for the rule of finality. It is with a view to achieve consistency in judicial pronouncements,

the Courts have evolved the rule of precedents, principle of stare decisis etc. These rules and principles are based on public policy and if these are not followed by courts then there will be chaos in the administration of justice."

There is recent observation of the Division Bench of this Court in case of PEOPLES UNION FOR C.L. VS. STATE [Coram : D.M.Dharmadhikari, C.J.] reported in 2001 (1) G.L.R., page 547 observed that;

"A Judge on assuming office during his tenure sits cut-off from the society as he cannot continue to be in public life, but as he also comes from the society with his own experience of it, he is better stationed at a distance from the problems of the society to view them in a more objective, detached and dispassionate manner, than those involved in it, and for that reason, he is more suited to resolve conflicts and competing claims of the individual and the society. [para 22]".

The Apex Court in a decision rendered in case of JOGINDAR KUMAR VS. STATE OF UP reported in AIR 1994 S.C. page 1349, certain observations are quoted as under :-

`No arrest can be made because it is lawful for the Police Officer to do so. The existence of the power to arrest is one thing. The justification for the exercise of it is quite another. The police Officer must be able to justify the arrest apart from his power to do so. Arrest and detention in police lock-up of a a person can cause incalculable harm to the reputation and self-esteem of a person. No arrest can be made in a routine manner on a mere allegation of commission of an offence made against a person. It would be prudent for a Police Office in the interest of protection of the constitutional rights of a citizen and perhaps in his own interest that no arrest should be made without a reasonable satisfaction reached after some investigation as to the genuineness and bona fides of a complaint and a reasonable belief both as to the person's complicity and even so as to the need to effect arrest. Denying a person of his liberty is a serious matter. The recommendations of the Police Commission merely reflect the constitutional concomitants of the

fundamental right to personal liberty and freedom. A person is not liable to arrest merely on the suspicion of complicity in an offence. There must be some reasonable justification in the opinion of the Officer effecting the arrest that such arrest is necessary and justified. Except in heinous offences, an arrest must be avoided if a police officer issues notice to person to attend the Station House and not to leave station without permission would do. The, there is the right to have some one informed. That right of the arrested person, upon request, to have someone informed and to consult privately with a lawyer was recognised by Section 56(1) of the Police and Criminal Evidence Act, 1984, in England. These rights are inherent in Arts. 21 and 22 (1) of the Constitution and require to be recognised and scrupulously protected. For effective enforcement of these fundamental rights, the Supreme Court issued the following requirements :

(1) An arrested person being held in custody is entitled, if he so request to have one friend relative or other person who is known to him or likely to take an interest in his welfare told as far as is practicable that he has been arrested and where is being detained.

(2) The police officer shall inform the arrested person when he is brought to the police station of this right.

(3) An entry shall be required to be made in the Diary as to who was informed of the arrest. These protections from power must be held to flow from Arts. 21 and 22(1) and enforced strictly.

It shall be the duty of the Magistrate, before whom the arrested person is produced, to satisfy himself that these requirements have been complied with. The above requirements shall be followed in all cases of arrest till legal provisions are made in this behalf. These requirements shall be in addition to the rights of the arrested persons found in the various Police Manuals."

23. In India, Third Report of the National Police Commission at Pg-32 also suggested :

"... An arrest during the investigation of a cognizable case may be considered justified in one or other of the following circumstances :-

(i) The case involves a grave offence like murder, dacoity, robbery , rape etc. , and it is necessary to arrest the accused and bring his movements under restraint to infuse confidence among the terror stricken victims.

(ii) The accused is likely to abscond and evade the process of law.

(iii) The accused is given to violent behavior and is likely to commit further offences unless his movements are brought under restraint.

(iv) The accused is a habitual offender and unless kept in custody he is likely to commit similar offences again.

It would be desirable to insist through departmental instructions that a police officer making an arrest should also record in the case diary the reasons for making the arrest, thereby clarifying his conformity to the specified guidelines ... "

The Apex Court in case of GURCHARAN SINGH V. STATE [DELHI ADMN.] reported in AIR 1978 page 179 has in para-22 observed as under :-

"In other non-bailable cases the court will exercise its judicial discretion in favour of granting bail subject to sub sec (3) of Section 437, Cr.P.C. , if it deems necessary to act under it. Unless exceptional circumstances are brought to the notice of the Court which may defeat proper investigation and a fair trial, the court will not decline to grant bail to a person who is not accused of an offence punishable with death or imprisonment for life. It is also clear that when an accused is brought before the Court of a Magistrate with the allegation against him of an offence punishable with death or imprisonment for life, he has ordinarily no option in the matter but to refuse bail subject, however, to the first proviso to Section 437 (1) Cr.P.C. and in a case where the Magistrate entertains a reasonable belief on the materials that the accused has not been guilty of such an

offence. This will, however, be an extraordinary occasion since there will be some materials at the stage of initial arrest, for the accusation or for strong suspicion of commission by the person of such an offence."

The Apex Court in case of STATE VS. CAPTAIN JAGJIT SINGH reported in AIR 1962 SC 253 (Supra) has made observed as under :-

`It (the High Court) should then have taken into account the various considerations, such as, nature and seriousness of the offence, the character of the evidence, circumstances which are peculiar to the accused, a reasonable possibility of the presence of the accused not being secured at the trial, reasonable apprehension of the witnesses being tampered with, the larger interests of the public or the State, and similar other considerations, which arise when a court is asked for bail in a non bailable offence. It is true that under Section 498 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, the powers of the High Court in the matter of granting bail are very wide; even so where the offence is non bailable, various considerations such as those indicated above have to be taken into account before bail is granted in a non bailable offence", we are of the opinion that the above observations equally apply to a case under Section 439 of the new Code and the legal position is not different under the new Code."

After considering the above observations as well as the averments made in the application and also after considering the draft undertaking which has been suggested by the learned advocate Mr.K.B.Anandjiwala, it is a duty of the Court to see and protect the interest of the person who have become victim in such grave incident and simultaneously also to consider the fate of the persons who are behind the bar because of this incident.

I have considered the objections raised by the learned Public Prosecutor against the present petition. The main contention of Learned P.P. is on merits and second objection that investigation is pending in a crucial stage. The third objection that F.S.L. Report is awaited and prima facie looking to preliminary report of FSL, the material which has been used by the builder is of poor quality and no standard material used by the

builder and construction is not in accordance with Rules and Bye-laws of the Municipal Corporation. Looking to the objections of Learned P.P. this Court can examine the merits of the case and to pass appropriate order, but the real worry is that, it will come in way of the State Government in respect of pending other similar matters, which are more than 70 in numbers pending before this Court before the concerned Sessions Courts. This Court has passed similar order after considering the similar undertaking in Criminal Misc. Application Nos. 1677/2001 order dated 18-4-2001, Criminal Misc. Application No.2158 / 2001 order dated 24-4-2001 and Criminal Misc. Application No. 3068 / 2001 order dated 30-4-2001. In all these matters learned PP Mr.A.D.Oza had appeared and after considering his submission, this Court has passed order after taking into account, the undertaking which has been given by the concerned petitioner in each each of the petition. It is also necessary to note that in similar matter of the Builders, Crim. Misc. Application No. 1238 / 2001 order dated 1-5-2001, this Court [Coram : C.K.Buch, J.] has passed similar order considering the similar type of undertaking wherein also learned PP Mr.A.D.Oza has appeared. In such situation though, there is an objection of Learned Public Prosecutor, if other petitioner come forward before this Court and prepare to file same undertaking as considered by this Court in earlier petitions, then in such circumstances, this Court differ the decision on the ground that consistency is the corner stone of the Administration of Justice. It is consistency which creates confidence in the system and this consistency can never be achieved without respect for the rule of finality. It is a with a view to achieve consistency in judicial pronouncement, the Courts have evolved the rule of precedents. Principle of stair decisis etc. These rules and principles are based on public policy and if these are not followed by Court then there will be CHAOS in the administrations of justice. It is also necessary to note that it is well established principle that while examining the bail application, the Court normally avoid the reason, either in granting or refusing Bail Application.That recently in the case of KANTIBHADRA SHAH AND ANOTHER Vs. STATE OF WEST BENGAL, reported in 2001 [1] SCC page 722, the following observation of Apex Court in para-12 is reproduced as under :-

"12. If there is no legal requirement that the trial court should write an order showing the reasons for framing a charge, why should the already burdened trial courts be further burdened

with such an extra work. The time has reached to adopt all possible measures to expedite the court procedures and to chalk out measures to avert all roadblocks causing avoidable delays. If a Magistrate is to write detailed orders at different stages merely because the counsel would address arguments at all stages, the snail-paced progress of proceedings in trial courts would further be slowed down. We are coming across interlocutory orders of Magistrates and Sessions Judges running into several pages. We can appreciate if such a detailed order has been passed for culminating the proceedings before them. But it is quite unnecessary to write detailed orders at other stages, such as issuing process, remanding the accused to custody, framing of charges, passing over to nest stages in the trial. It is a salutary guideline that when orders rejecting or granting bail are passed, the Court should avoid expressing one way or the other on contentious issues, except in cases such as those falling within Section 37 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985."

Therefore, considering the above observation made by Apex Court and considering to have consistence approach in similar matters, though there is an objection of learned public prosecutor Mr.A.D.Oza on merits, but I am not passing a reasoned order on merits on the ground that it will definitely come in a way of the State Government in pending such bail applications either before this Court or before Courts filed by the Builders and other connected persons. Earlier in all similar matters, I have not passed reasoned order and therefore, in present case also I am not passing the reasoned order in view of the above special facts and circumstances. However, it is necessary to note that now investigation is over and chargesheet is submitted in the Court by concerned Investigating Officer in the present case.

Recently, the Apex Court has considered the bail application and certain principles has been enumerated by the Apex Court in the case of PRAHALAD SINGH BHATTI Vs N.C.T., Delhi and another, reported in 2001 AIR S.C.W. page 1263. The relevant observations on para-8 are quoted as under :-

"The jurisdiction to grant bail has to be exercised on the basis of well settled principles having regard to the circumstances of each case

> and not in an arbitrary manner. While granting the bail, the Court has to keep in mind the nature of accusations, the nature of evidence in support thereof, the severity of the punishment which conviction will entail, the character, behavior means and and standing of the accused, circumstances which are peculiar to the accused, reasonable possibility of securing the presence of the accused at the trial, reasonable apprehension of the witnesses being tampered with, the larger interest of the public or State and similar other consideration. It has also to be kept in mind that for the purpose of granting the bail the Legislature has used kept in mind that for the purpose of granting the bail the Legislature has used the words "reasonable grounds for believing" instead of "the evidence" which means the Court dealing with the grant of bail can only satisfy it as to whether there is a genuine case against the accused and that the prosecution will be able to produce prima facie evidence in support of the charge. It is not expected, at this stage, to have the evidence establishing the guilt of the accused beyond reasonable doubt."

In light of the above observations made by the Apex Court, it is necessary to note that if the accused released by the Court and his presence in the society adversely affect or having adverse impact in the mind of society, then normally bails cannot be granted, but in a converse situation if Accused released by the Court and his presence will helpful to the victim of the society, then Court may consider is a relevant factor for granting the bail in favour of accused.

In the present case, if the Builder remains in jail, it will not helpful in any manner to the members of housing society, whose flat/s are collapsed and their family members are died in such incident. But when Builder come forward with a bonafide undertaking and agreed to reconstruct the total flats collapsed in the incident at his own cost without taking a single penny from the concerned member/s and prepared to pay Rs.75,000/- to each person who died in incident and other benefited terms, then in such circumstances according to my opinion, the presence of the petitioner will not adversely affect or having any adverse impact on the society. This is also one of the important considerations while examining the bail application.

After considering the aforesaid statement made by the learned advocate Mr.K.B.Anandjiwala appearing for the petitioner to the effect that the petitioner will file necessary undertaking which has been suggested as above and considering the submissions of both the learned advocates and further considering the fact that as per the statement made at the Bar by learned advocate Mr.K.B.Anandjiwala, that necessary undertaking will be filed by the petitioner before this Court within 10 days from the date of release and considering the peculiar facts and circumstances emerging of this case so also taking into consideration observations made by the Hon'ble Apex Court and the Division Bench of this Court, following order is passed.

The parties do not press for reasoned order. Considering the submissions made on behalf of the parties, and having regard to the circumstances and facts of the case, the application is allowed and he is ordered to be released on bail in connection with Crime Register No. I- 60 / 2001 registered at Satelite Police Station for the offence charged against him in this application on executing bond of Rs.25,000/- each (Rupees Twenty Five Thousand only) with one surety of the like amount to the satisfaction of the lower Court and subject to the conditions that he shall,

a) not take undue advantage of his liberty or abuse his liberty;

b) not to try to tamper or pressurize the prosecution witnesses or complainant in any manner;

c) maintain law and order and should co-operate the investigating officers;

d) not act in a manner injurious to the interest of the prosecution;

e) mark their presence before Satelite Police Station on every Sunday between 9.00 a.m. to 2.00 p.m. for a period of three months from the date of release and thereafter present petitioner, shall mark his presence before the aforesaid police station once in a month preferably on 1st Sunday of each month till the trial is over.

f) furnish the address of his residence to the I.O.

and also to the Court at the time of execution of the bond and shall not change the residence without prior permission of this Court;

g) surrender his Passport, if any, to the lower court within a week;

h) it is directed to the petitioner to co-operate with the investigation and to remain personally present as and when required by the Investigating Officer.

3. If breach of any of the above conditions is committed, the Sessions Judge concerned will be free to issue warrant or take appropriate action in the matter.

4. Bail before the lower Court having jurisdiction to try the case. It would be opened to the trial court concerned to give time to furnish the solvency certificate if prayed for.

In view of statement made by the learned Advocate Mr.K.B.Anandjiwala on behalf of the petitioner, necessary undertaking which is annexed to this order, is directed to be filed before this Court within 10 days from the date of the release of the petitioner without fail.

It is further directed to the petitioners to supply xerox copy of the affirmed undertaking to the office of the Public Prosecutor, concerned trial court and to the concerned investigating officer.

It is also made it clear that the amount of Rs.75,000/in respect of victim who died in the incident, shall not come in the way for claiming compensation in accordance with law.

It is further directed to the petitioner that in pursuance of the statement made before this court, necessary undertaking as referred to in this order is required to be filed before this Court by the petitioner within 10 days from the date of release and the such undertaking is required to be strictly complied with by the petitioner without fail, otherwise in the event of non compliance of any such term of the said undertakings, the respondent State as well as the concerned members of Sarva Darshan Apartments a building in question in the present order and legal heirs of victim are entitled to file necessary application before this Court for cancellation of order granting bail in favour of the petitioner.

It is open for the parties including the concerned members of the said `Sarva Darshan Apartments' and legal heirs of the victim in case of any difficulty in respect of any such terms as incorporated in the undertaking will be at liberty to apply before this Court by way of necessary application.

This order is passed by this Court considering the peculiar facts and circumstances of the case as well as considering the undertaking of the petitioner and undertaking to make the payment to the victim, therefore this order may not be treated as precedent for other similar cases.

However, it is made it clear that undertaking that may be filed by the petitioner before this Court pursuant to the order passed by this Court, will not come in the way in any manner while facing and / or defending the proceedings arising from C.R. No. I - 60 / 2001 of Satelite Police Station. It is also made it clear that the present undertaking which will be filed by the present petitioner only in connection with relief of grant of bail in favour of the petitioner and therefore such undertaking will not amounts to an admission of the petitioner in respect of criminal liability which will be obviously required to be faced by the petitioner in respect of the offence registered against him pursuant to C.R. No. I - 60 / 2001 - Navrangpura Police Station.

Before parting with the present order, according to my opinion, the humanitarian stand and approach taken by the petitioner is in real sense satisfying the genuine rehabilitation of the members and victim affected on account of earthquake and have become victim of this unprecedented earthquake.

Rule is made absolute accordingly. Direct service is permitted today.

Date : 21.5.2001 [H.K.Rathod, J.]

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: U N D E R T A K I N G :

I, Rashminbhai Mafatbhai Patel, the applicant petitioner - accused, do file this undertaking as follows.

1. That the collapsed building Sarva Darshan Apartment was constructed during my Chairmanship of Natwarshyam CXoop.Housing Society Ltd. under whose aegis Sarva Darshan Apartment was build. The same was built under my supervision and guidance. That as regards the damaged building, I undertake to reconstruct and restore all the flat owners by reconstructing the flats at my own cost. I will not compel in any way to make such construction by resorting the litigation or in any other manner. I further undertake to complete the construction by the end of June of 2003 and put the reslective flat owners in actual possession of their respective flats. If I fail in any way to deliver the possession of the reconstructed flat to the respective owner or owners by the end of June, of 2003, I will pay compensation at the rate of Rs.5,000.00 per month to each of such flat owners as rent towards the flat. However, if any flat owner chooses not to have the reconstructed flat, I will pay such flat owner the price thereof paid by him.

2. I further undertake to pay Rs.75,000.00 to the legal heirs of the deceased Shri Gautambhai Kaushikbhai Trivedi and Ashitben Kaushikbhai Trivedi within two weeks of the date of my being released from jail.

What is stated hereinabove is true and correct.

Ahmedabad
Date : / /2001 ----------
(Rashmin M. Patel)